

# Lake Oroville Recreation Use Monitoring *Preliminary Results*

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## Use Monitoring Data Collection

- Field Staff conducted observations/counts during survey visits to recreation sites
- 12 to 25 visits to most recreation sites
- Observations recorded:
  - Number of vehicles and RV's
  - Number of vehicles and RV's with trailers
  - Number of visitors and visitor activities (day use areas and car top access areas)

## Selected Summary Data: Boat Launches

Site	Number of Counts	Max # of Vehicles	Avg # of Vehicles	Max # of Vehicles w/boat trailers	Avg # of Vehicles w/boat trailers
Lime Saddle BL	26	147	45	168	40
Enterprise BL	13	22	4	5	1
Loafer Creek BL	13	89	18	94	40
Bidwell Canyon BL	22	114	36	315	111
Spillway BL	19	53	16	179	56
Monument Hill BL	18	40	14	47	14
Wilbur Rd BL	17	4	1	15	5

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## Selected Summary Data: Day Use Areas

Site	Number of Counts	Max # of Vehicles	Max # of People	Avg # of People
Dam/Overlook DUA	19	16	28	6
Diversion Pool DUA	16	5	33	4
Loafer Creek DUA	12	8	24	3
North Forebay DUA	19	470	977	157
Riverbend Park	25	36	59	18

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## Selected Summary Data: Car Top Accesses

Site	Number of Counts	Max # of Vehicles	Max # of Vehicles w/ boat trailers	Max # of People	Avg # of People
Dark Canyon CTA	8	4	5	6	3
Nelson Bar CTA	10	18	1	49	12
Vinton Gulch CTA	8	1	0	0	0
Foreman Creek CTA	15	21	6	25	10
Stringtown CTA	14	20	5	44	13
Larkin Road CTA	14	16	14	39	12

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## Additional Use Monitoring

- DWR has vehicle counters installed at most sites; counter calibration observations were conducted at all of those sites by field staff during Aug. and Sep.
- 4 passive infrared trail use counters installed since August; data available soon

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